

HB 1048 -- DESIGN-BUILD CONTRACTS FOR WASTEWATER OR WATER TREATMENT
PROJECTS

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This bill authorizes any city to use design-build contracts for waste water and water treatment projects. Any design that is part of a design-build contract must be approved by an independent third-party professional engineer before a city may enter into the contract. The independent third-party professional engineer must provide proof of an errors and omissions policy of insurance, and may be an employee of any city, county, or state.

When disbursing grants under the Community Development Block Grant program, the Department of Economic Development is prohibited from rejecting waste water or water treatment projects solely on their utilization of design-build. The Department of Natural Resources is prohibited from denying funds from the Water and Wastewater Loan Fund to projects based on their use of design-build contracts.